

We claim:

- 5 1. An excipient in powder form for use in solid pharmaceutical presentations, comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable polymer and a liquid or semisolid solubilizing surface-active substance.
- 10 2. An excipient as claimed in claim 1, comprising a surface-active substance with a drop point in the range from 20 to 40°C.
- 15 3. An excipient as claimed in either of claims 1 and 2, comprising a surface-active substance with an HLB of from 10 to 15.
- 20 4. An excipient as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, comprising as pharmaceutically acceptable polymer a homo- or copolymer of N-vinylpyrrolidone.
- 25 5. An excipient as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, comprising more than 10 and up to 70% by weight of the surface-active substance.
- 30 6. An excipient as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, comprising ethoxylated sorbitan fatty acid esters as surface-active substances.
- 35 7. An excipient as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, comprising products of the reaction of ethylene oxide with castor oil, hydrogenated castor oil or with 12-hydroxystearic acid as surface-active substance.
- 40 8. A process for producing excipients in powder form as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, which comprises spray-drying a solution comprising the surface-active substance and the pharmaceutically acceptable polymer.
- 45 9. A process for producing excipients as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, which comprises processing the constituents to a homogeneous melt in an extruder, followed by shaping.

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